

Arlington Recycling Committee
Minutes of 11/6/14

PRESENT Co-Chair: Juli Brazile; Co-Chair Gordon Jamieson, Recycling Coordinator Charlotte Milan, Ellen Callaway, Larry Slotnick, Karen Einstein, Secretary: Pete Howard

Karen was welcomed.

MINUTES of 10/2/14 voted approved. Unanimous

COORDINATOR'S REPORT: Charlotte discussed her monthly report (Ref 1). She is monitoring 100 HHs on each route (i.e. daily). Still developing her technique. DPW is considering subsidizing a sample number of HHs with 32 gal or 64 gal trash cans. They hope to find out what the minimum number of cans will be enough to take care of almost everyone each week. Members suggested cans should have covers to keep the trash dry & thus minimize the weight that we pay to burn.

Invasive weeds should be bagged, labeled & tagged. Tags are available at DPW.

UPDATES

Business Recycling: Juli has provided a survey form to go out with the license renewal requests. She is following up with the Human Services Department.

Spring Art Show: Juli has arranged with Patsy Kramer for the photos to be displayed from March to early May. We wanted to run during Town Meeting to invite TMMs to visit. There was no objection and Ellen was enthusiastic. Juli will select a date in mid-April with Patsy for the public reception. Ellen provided copies of a pamphlet she prepared for a recent conference. The pamphlet has handsome prints of recycle assemblages with captions. She is torn between using the best photo paper and using recyclable paper for her prints. The group discussed but no consensus was reached on that issue. The ARC would consider paying for event promotion.

COMMUNITY COLLECTION DAY 11/15: Gordon's annual meeting with the BoS went well. All selectmen signed the recycle week proclamation. Volunteers will take care of shredding, scrap metal, Styrofoam, rigid plastic and may assist with traffic direction. Juli has more than enough volunteers for the first session. She is somewhat short on the 2nd session. Charlotte described a new location for the shredding truck. She was urged not to obstruct the one-day reverse traffic flow on Grove St. Gordon has requested a police detail. Members wondered if DPW could pick up stuff for CCD thus cutting down the traffic and reducing emissions. They already pick up TVs on that day. Expanding this service would involve more overtime. The possible expansion of school electronics collection would have a similar effect. A sign at Town Hall, ideally the electronic sign, would be desirable.

VOTED to confirm an expenditure of up to \$200 for rigid plastic collection. Unanimous.

VOTED to expend up to \$150 for shredding to be offset by commercial shredding collections. Unanimous.

PRESENTATION TO FINANCE COMMITTEE: The ARC will be prepared, if requested, to justify its budget. Gordon will prepare, for the January meeting, a one page handout which will incorporate Ref 1, will list the activities done each year and will list the actual expenses for FY14 and the planned expenses for FY15. As many members as possible should attend and be prepared to talk briefly about their contribution. This will be a topic for continued discussion at the December meeting.

PROMOTIONAL ACTIVITIES:

| | | |
|--------------------|-------------------------------------|------------|
| Advocate articles: | Larry: See something, Say something | [12/01/14] |
| | Gordon, 2014 Summary article | [01/01/15] |
| | Erica: Life Cycle Issues | [Date TBD] |
| | Charlotte CCD Report | [Date TBD] |

Tour of Wheelabrator facility: ARC might subsidize transportation – Note: JRM's new facility not available for tours yet.

Larry suggested a large recycled material sculpture. This might be accomplished with Public Art Committee

ECO FEST 3/7/15: The theme will be energy. Visual material desirable. Ideas needed for our ARC table.

NEXT MEETING 12/04/14 - Meetings held 1st Thursday monthly at 7:30 PM in Town Hall Annex 1st Floor

Ref 1 Coordinator's Report

Arlington Municipal Solid Waste Tonnage by Waste Category

| | trash | recycling | yard waste |
|--------------|--------|-----------|------------|
| FY 2008 | 16,232 | 4,639 | 2,881 |
| FY 2009 | 15,740 | 4,165 | 3,216 |
| FY 2010 | 15,493 | 4,244 | 2,799 |
| FY 2011 | 14,538 | 4,395 | 2,332 |
| FY 2012 | 14,248 | 4,652 | 2,381 |
| FY 2013 | 12,603 | 5,278 | 3,503 |
| FY 2014 | 12,846 | 5,271 | 3,488 |
| FY 2015 est. | 12,954 | 5,297 | 3,565 |

Mass MSW Master Plan Goals

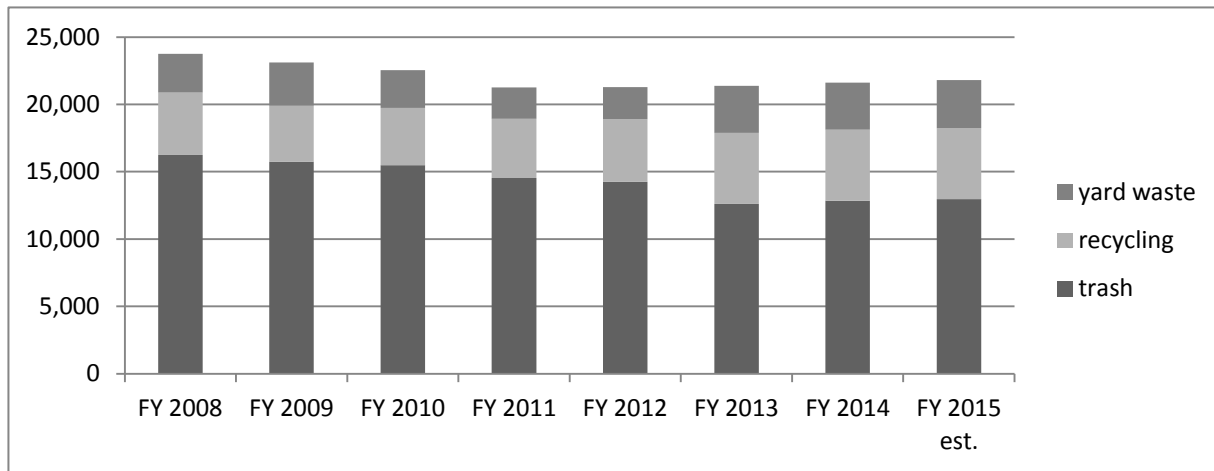
baseline MSW - 2008
where we are in FY 2014

30% reduction by 2020
80% reduction by 2050

Arlington Goal

16,232 tons
12,846
11,362 tons
3,246 tons

| Imagine... | | |
|-----------------|-------------------|--|
| waste diversion | resulting tonnage | |
| food (-25%) | 12,174 | |
| " | 9,635 | |
| " | 8,522 | |
| " | 2,597 | |



Diversion Rate $\frac{(rec+YW)}{(rec+YW+trash)}$ 41%

Recycling Rate $\frac{rec}{(rec+trash)}$ 29%

FY2015 est

Monthly Totals

| Month | SW Tons | Rec Tons | YW Tons |
|-----------|---------|----------|---------|
| Oct. | 1,127 | 462 | 408 |
| Nov. | 1,049 | 430 | 1,173 |
| Dec. | 1,138 | 478 | 17 |
| Jan. 2014 | 1,086 | 478 | 135 |
| Feb. | 880 | 350 | 0 |
| March | 970 | 402 | 0 |
| April | 1,131 | 460 | 374 |
| May | 1,148 | 441 | 411 |
| June | 1,081 | 481 | 270 |
| July | 1,149 | 463 | 312 |
| August | 1,032 | 413 | 217 |
| September | 1,163 | 439 | 248 |
| | 12,954 | 5297 | 3,565 |

ARC Expense Report

| Date | Purchase | Cost | Balance |
|------------|--------------|------|----------|
| 7/1/2013 | Starting bal | | \$ 3,000 |
| 11/16/2014 | Foam | 250 | \$ 2,750 |
| 5/9/2015 | Foam | 250 | \$ 2,500 |
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DPW RC Action Priorities - update

1. Increase curbside monitoring of program compliance: **curbside audit underway**
2. Build on public space recycling opportunities/programs: **pulling bins in for winter, RC joining Town Day planning committee**
3. Improve compliance and appearance of waste collection on Mass Ave, including business compliance with orange bag program
4. Continue public outreach through media and website publication: **website page completely reorganized, all ARC Advocate articles in one place**
5. Monitor school building compliance with mandatory recycling
6. Explore new programs for waste diversion, including rigid plastics, bulkies, food waste, HHW expanded operations, and potential regional CHARM (Center for Hard to Recycle Material)
7. Monitor dumpsters on Town program
8. Organics awareness: **Bishop School compost program started, articles in Advocate, Dallin School compost pilot program proposed**